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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SWEL, SENV, KS

SUBJECT: US MADE RODENTICIDE - KOREAN DEATHS

REF: SEOUL 3999

SUMMARY: EPA REQUESTS TISSUE SAMPLES BE SHIPPED TO US FOR TESTING, FOLLOWING SPECIFIC PROCEDURES HEREIN. END SUMMARY

1. EPA ASKS THAT EMBASSY REQUEST KOREAN GOVT AUTHORITIES PROVIDE TISSUE SAMPLES FOR TESTING BY EPA CONTRACT FACILITY: EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDIES CENTER, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, FOR U.S. GOVT ANALYSIS. IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST THAT EMBASSY ALSO GET SAMPLES FOR ROHM AND HAAS. IN HOPE KOREAN OFFICIALS WILL PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USG TESTING, EPA HAS AIR SHIPPED TO EMBASSY ALL NEEDED MATERIALS FOR PACKAGING AND SHIPMENT ITS SAMPLES BECAUSE OF NEED FOR HASTE IN ACQUIRING INFORMATION. THIS INCLUDES STERILE SPECIMEN VIALS, INSULATED SHIPPING BOX, PACKING MATERIAL, LABELS FOR VIALS, AND SHIPPING STICKERS. EPA ALSO SENDING PREPAID BILL OF LADING FOR RETURN SHIPMENT TO COLORADO.

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2. EPA REQUESTS TISSUE SAMPLES OF AT LEAST SIXTY REPEAT SIXTY GRAMS OF AS MANY OF FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE: ADIPOSE TISSUE (PERIRENAL), KIDNEY, LIVER, BRAIN, BLOOD AND SERUM

URINE, STOMACH CONTENTS, LUNG, ADRENAL GLAND, OVARY OR TESTES, HEART, SPLEEN, UTERUS, THYROID, PANCREAS, MULTIPLE MUSCLE BIOPSY, SMOOTH AND SKELETAL.

3. (A) ALSO REQUEST A SAMPLE OF TREATED BAIT; (B) WHETHER CADAVERS EMBALMED AND/OR REFRIGERATED; (C) SAMPLE OF EMBALMING FLUID; (D) COMPLETE MEDICAL HISTORY, IF AVAILABLE; (E) DATE OF DEATH, AND (F) DATE TISSUE SAMPLES COLLECTED.

4. EPA STATES FOLLOWING PROCEDURES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED:  
(A) INSTRUMENTS SHOULD BE WELL RINSED WITH DISTILLED WATER AND DRIED BEFORE TAKING SAMPLES.

(B) CADAVERS SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED AT MINUS FOUR DEGREES FAHRENHEIT (MINUS TWENTY DEGREES CENTIGRADE) DURING EXCISION OF SPECIMENS. SAMPLES SHOULD BE PLACED IN STERILE SPECIMEN VIALS SUPPLIED BY EPA. COMPLETED LABELS SHOULD BE FIRMLY AFFIXED.

(C) SAMPLES SHOULD BE TAKEN DRY, AND SHOULD NOT BE RINSED BEFORE BEING PLACED IN VIAL. (MANY WATER SUPPLIES CONTAIN MATERIALS WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.) NO CHEMICAL FIXATIVE OR PRESERVATIVE SHOULD BE ADDED TO SPECIMENS.

(D) TIGHTEN ALL LIDS ON SPECIMEN VIALS CAREFULLY. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE SPECIAL ALUMINUM FOIL CAP LINERS MAKE TIGHTENING DIFFICULT. WRAP EACH BOTTLE IN GAUZE OR PAPER TO PREVENT BREAKAGE DURING SHIPMENT AND TO KEEP LABEL ON VIAL. PLACE SPECIMEN VIALS IN INSULATED SHIPPING BOX AND FILL BOX WITH DRY ICE FOR SHIPMENT.

(E) MATERIAL MUST ARRIVE AT LABORATORY IN A FROZEN STATE. SEND VIA FASTEST METHOD TO: DR. ELDON SAVAGE, EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDIES CENTER, SPRUCE HALL, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO 80521.

5. (FYI: EPA CERTIFICATE FOR USE OF VACOR IN U.S. WAS WITHDRAWN WHEN FIRST REPORTS FROM KOREA RECEIVED. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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NO U.S. DATA EXISTS IMPLYING VACOR TOXIC TO HUMANS AT PROPER DOSAGE LEVELS. END FYI) KISSINGER

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